

# THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE CONSPIRATORS

Who were Tryed at the Sessions-House in the Old-Bayley, on the 12th of this Instant July, Anno 1683. for Treasonably designing and intending to Murder His Most Sacred MAJESTY, and His Royal Brother the Duke of YORK, &c.

Entered according to ORDER of the Court and Council for the King; and after a full hearing on each side, the

**O**N the 12th of July, 1683, by Trade, having upon a report of Conscience discovered a damnable design, whereby several persons, to Murder His Most Sacred Majesty and His Royal Highness, &c. and to subvert the Government by Law Established; in which Conspiracy divers Eminent persons were involved; upon which discovery, one Mr. West, a Counsellor at Law, having the like perplexity of Mind, revealed the horrid Secret to some of his Relations, who caused him to surrender himself; whereupon His Majesty being sensible of the Horrid Conspiracy against His Royal Person, and the Person of His Royal Brother, issued out His Proclamation to Apprehend divers of the Conspirators; upon which, not only several of those therein mentioned, but divers others Impeached were Apprehended, many of them confessing the wicked intention in it to be abhorred circumstances: whereupon notice, as the Law in that case provides, was given to Capt. Tho. Wallcot, John Rouse, William Hone, and Will. Black, to prepare for Tryal at the Sessions-house in the Old-Bayley, on this 12th of July, Anno 1683.

At

At what time the Prisoners being brought, the Jury, consisting of Gentlemen of known worth and Loyalty, were called over and Impanelled: After which the Indictment was Read, the substance of which was, That the Prisoners had Trayterously and maliciously conspired against the Life of His Sacred Majesty, him to Death and final destruction to put, &c. To which they Plead *Not Guilty*. Whereupon the Three latter were Arraigned, and Wallcor Tryed.

The Evidence for the King were called and Sworn, who deposed That the Prisoners had at divers times and in divers places, held Conspires, and contrived the pernicious and Treasonable design against the Life of His Most Sacred Majesty, His Royal Highness, &c. and that they in order thereto, had made preparations at divers and sundry times, and in divers and sundry places; with many other aggravating circumstances, which was curiously inquired into, both by the Court and Council for the King; and after a full hearing on each side, the Court gave the charge, exposing the heinousness of the Trayterous Conspiracy in its proper colours, and urging home the great wickedness that would have attended so great a wickedness had it took effect: Upon which the Jury, after some debate, returned their Verdict, which was, That the Prisoners was Guilty of High-Treason.

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